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US congressional panel passes Venezuela sanctions bill

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A US congressional panel passed a bill yesterday that would impose sanctions on those responsible for human rights abuses against anti-government protesters in Venezuela.

The House Foreign Affairs Committee approved the "Venezuelan Human Rights and Democracy Protection Act," clearing a first legislative hurdle.

The vote was met with applause from dozens of people who traveled to Washington from several US cities to pressure lawmakers, the White House and the Organization of American States to take action against the crackdown on protesters in the crisis-hit South American country.

At least 41 people have died and hundreds of others have been injured since students and other opponents of President Nicolas Maduro's socialist government took to the streets there in February to protest rampant crime, runaway inflation and shortages of basic goods.

Committee Chairman Ed Royce, a Republican, was optimistic about the bill's prospects of passage by the full House.

Bill sponsor Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, also a Republican, said the measure "sends a strong message to Maduro that the United States Congress is well aware of the ongoing abuses perpetrated by his regime, and that they will not go unpunished."

The bill is aimed at those responsible for politically motivated arrests and human rights abuses against activists, as well as for efforts to censor information about the at times violent demonstrations.

Those targeted would be subject to the freezing of American accounts and properties, become ineligible for



US visas or have their current visas revoked.

President Barack Obama's administration argues that, for the moment, sanctions are not an appropriate response in light of talks aimed at ending the unrest.

The opposition-government talks have suffered stops and starts since they began, with some sessions postponed at the last minute.

On Thursday, Assistant Secretary of State Roberta Jacobson told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee -- which is considering a similar measure -- that imposition of sanctions would be counterproductive at this point. However, she left open the possibility of sanctions should the dialogue falter.

She spoke just hours after Venezuelan authorities demolished four protest camps and detained 243 youths in pre-dawn raids.



ORANJESTAD -- Yesterday, Aruba's garbage collection department, SERLIMAR, announced that as per July 1, 2014 the department will charge Afl. 25 for home garbage collection.

Client will receive a billing delivered at their home.

Get well soon

The Morning News team wishes Mr. Hubert Dirks a speedy recovery and that he soon be at his desk at Compra N.V. where he is missed.

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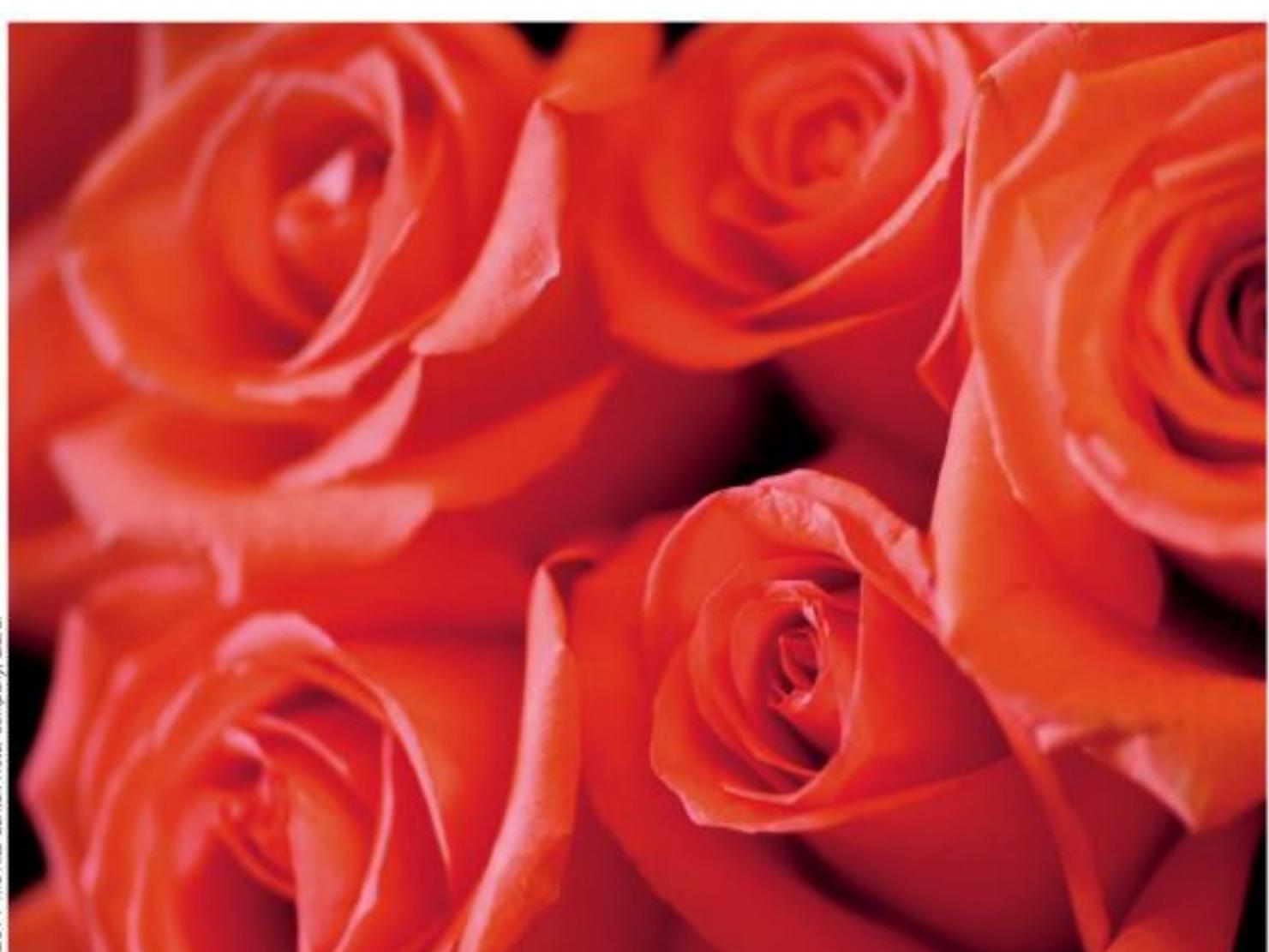


LOCAL NEWS

Valero Aruba Volunteer Foundation also participates in Garnier Beach Care 2014



ORANJESTAD – A very dynamic group that always participates in the Garnier Beach Care cleanup is the Valero Aruba Volunteer Foundation. The foundation is still active even though the refinery is not operating anymore. The volunteers have a very busy schedule which even includes different community work. Garnier expressed its gratitude to the group for their tremendous support and willingness to work for a clean and healthy environment. Garnier appeals to groups, instances, foundations and everyone to register for the beach clean-up. There are not many days left, so join to help keep our nature beautiful for ourselves and our children.



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Informative night at IPA to study for exercise and health teacher



SAN NICOLAS -- the Aruba Pedagogic Institute will start with a new course called exercise and health and Drs Emy Maduro invites the general public interested to become an exercise and health teacher for an informative night on Monday, May 12 at 7 p.m. in the Madona room .

According to Mrs. Maduro this is the second time that IPA is giving this course which is in the next schoolyear. During the informative night different points will be given on the study structure and program, application criteria and tests for an individual to apply for this study. IPA will start with 2 courses, the first one has a duration of 4 years and the 2nd, 2 to 3 years. Graduates will become exercise and health teachers for primary schools.

At present Aruba is in need of exercise teachers. Applicants for the 4-year study must have a HAVO education or equivalent and if the individual is 21 years or older, then he must undergo a test. For the shorter study applicants must undergo a few test to evaluate if he is comes into remakr for the course.

At present there are only 9 exercise and health teachers and 2 are finalizing their studies. The goal is however for each primary school to have is own teacher. So if you like sports come on Monday night at IPA and talk with the experts. Maybe you are a candidate to become the next exercise teacher.

LOCAL NEWS

Minister Oduber assures employees and teachers they will maintain their jobs through restructuring of FDEC

ORANJESTAD — In response to rumors circulating recently about the status of the FDEC (Fundacion Desaroyo Educativo Comunitario) which provides extracurricular education for all ages in the arts, Minister of Tourism, Transport, Primary Sector and Culture, Otmar Oduber called a press conference to clear up certain issues.

The minister sat with FDEC employees and teachers to officially notify them via a written document of the present situation. He reminded them that a foundation is bound by certain rules and regulations; FDEC is subject to the Subsidy Regulation, which has not been adhered to, with decisions taken internally that are not in accordance with the existing legal regulations.

One instance used as an example is that the legal position of the teachers are not quite according to the rules, as well as the subsidy for other goals prescribed by law. For years the foundation did not have a director, among other discrepancies. This situation resulted in the decision to terminate the subsidy as per August 1, 2014. The FDEC board, employees and teachers were all notified in writing regarding this decision.

The government and actual board will form a committee which must establish a new foundation, adapted according contemporary criteria. The foundation needs to continue the fine work performs for the community, but with a new direction and abiding by the rules for such a foundation.

According to Minister Oduber, he cannot continue with something that for 18 years was operating incorrectly "simply because it was not corrected."

The committee must establish a new foundation in which the employees and teachers are still employed, according to the law. In August 1, the new foundation will receive a government subsidy in order to execute its required tasks, which are



similar to the former FDEC program. All employees and teachers can choose to stay employed, but in accordance with the new conditions.

Minister Oduber concluded by stating he wants to see more activities in the community and his wish is to involve the Community Centers. This can generate additional funding which can be used for optimal functioning. Another goal is to attract more students eager to take courses given by FDEC. In the past the courses were for a full year, but now this will change, with programs reduced to only 3 to 4 months.

On November 26, 1997, Fundacion Desaroyo Educativo Comunitario (FDEC) was established by notarial deed. Its Articles of Incorporation stipulate that the foundation's purpose is to organize and carry out social, cultural, educational, and sports activities in the districts and to maintain or raise the level of educational development. FDEC's goal is to try and fulfill its purpose and to realize its vision of being present in all districts by organizing activities that bring us closer to the people and at reasonable prices, as well as to educate our people in the fields of art and culture through educational courses, so that they can reach a high level of knowledge and creativity in the world of art.

Deliberations continue as various ministries seek to reduce their 2014 fiscal budgets

Oranjestad — Recently, various ministries, including that of Minister of Tourism, Transport Primary Sector and Culture, Otmar Oduber, companies, government agencies, and stakeholders met to deliberate in the process of reducing their individual budgets. Presently, ministries have signed an accord to collectively reduce their costs by 1350 million Aruban florins per year, which should reduce overall government costs by around 85 to 90 million florins. They are charged with devising and implementing procedures to enable them to attain this goal.

According to Minister Otmar Oduber: "At this time we are required to make some very difficult cuts, because it may prevent us from putting certain plans into effect; but in

my experience, the process of reducing cost must not interfere with the functioning of the various departments. This is a long and difficult process, but a necessary one, which all of us must make possible by working together."

Minister Oduber also commented that in the short time all parties sat at the table, many ideas were brought forward, some which have been suggested before, within government talks. The meeting was still quite fruitful with all the department chiefs and directors participating in a productive dialog. Their suggestions have been submitted to the Government Advisory Board, which will review them with this issue as a priority to be immediately resolved.

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PALM BEACH – Marriott Rewards members can now check-in and checkout online at the Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino with Marriott's Mobile app. On May 6th, the Marriott mobile check-in and checkout feature was launched internationally at the Marriott Resorts.

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Colombian Emeralds unveils their newest picks from Diego Galante



ORANJESTAD -- About 18 months ago, Colombian Emeralds, purveyor of fine jewelry and timepieces, introduced their new spokesperson, Diego Galante, a dashing figure who appears to have just stepped right out of movie screen to thrill and enlighten their customers.

Aruba met the charming Diego in January of last year, and he was back again to expound on the quality of the newest collection of emerald and diamond jewelry unveiled at the Radisson and Marriott resort outlets on Thursday evening, May 8. Last night, he rounded up his Aruba visit with an appearance at the Colombian Emeralds flagship store on Aruba in the Renaissance Mall.

Those seeking the perfect Mother's Day gift, were treated to freshly made "Emerald Mojitos" and had the opportunity to win a stunning piece of fine jewelry during the raffle at the end of the launch. Diego personally pulled the winner's name out of the jar, and Ana Paula Oliveira of Brazil was thrilled to be the



Diego Galante with prize winner Ana Paula Oliveira

lucky winner of an elegant pair of diamond and emerald earrings.

Galante proclaimed he was delighted to be back on Aruba to revisit with the charming and dedicated Colombian Emeralds staff, with the island being one of his favorites on his rounds of informing shoppers regarding the store's impressive inventory.

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Latin American & Caribbean Tyre Expo, The Show and Sell, Not The Show and Tell Expo

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This international show features manufacturers and major suppliers of tires, tire retreading and recycling, wheels, and related equipment and is focused on the entire Latin American marketplace bringing together buyers and exhibitors from throughout the region.

Panama is an ideal destination for a trade show. Panama is politically stable, has a free trade agreement in place with the United States and is a strategic entry point for entering the Latin American marketplace.

With vehicles in operation forecasted to grow at 5.2 percent annually over the next five years, the auto care industry in Latin



America is projected to grow more than 30 percent over the same period. Simply put, prospects for growth are high in Latin America, and we want to make sure exhibiting companies are well-positioned to benefit from the projected growth. At the opportunity to connect directly to tire dealers in Central and South America and the Caribbean to expand their market.

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WORLD NEWS

Obama unveils solar energy drive despite setbacks

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama unveiled new solar energy plans yesterday, hailing the measures as a vital job-creating tool in the fight against climate change.

Obama, wrapping up a three-day fundraising tour of California, announced commitments to develop solar power and energy efficiency by more than 300 private and public sector groups.

"We know generating more clean energy using less dirty energy can be good for business and consumers," Obama said. "It's also good for the world we leave for our children."

Separate energy efficiency investments will lower utility bills for more than a billion square feet (93 million square meters) of buildings, according to the White House.

Obama also unveiled new executive actions set to provide for an extra \$2 billion in energy efficiency investments, improved buildings and smarter appliances.

The executive actions will cut carbon pollution by more than 380 million metric tons -- the equivalent of taking 80 million cars off the road for a year -- provide \$26 billion in energy savings for businesses and support training programs for 50,000 people to enter the solar industry workforce by 2020.

About a quarter of new power generation capacity was from solar energy last year, making it second only to natural gas. And the cost of a solar energy system has dropped more than 50 percent during the past three years.

France opens probe into MH370 crash says judicial source

PARIS (AFP) - Paris prosecutors have launched a judicial investigation for involuntary homicide following the Malaysia Airlines plane crash, a judicial source said yesterday.

The probe was launched on Wednesday. Four French nationals were among the passengers, including three students from the French school in Beijing, and the mother of two of the pupils.

The White House said the United States has also increased its solar electricity generation by 10 times and tripled its electricity production from wind power since Obama first took office in 2009.

But solar energy still only accounts for a tiny portion of US electricity production -- about 0.5 percent. About half comes from utility companies and the remainder from people who have installed solar panels at their homes.

Renewable energy (hydroelectric, wind, biomass) accounts for 12 percent of total energy production, according to the latest official figures of the US Energy Information Administration.

The EIA expects that number to reach 16 percent by 2040.

Obama's announcement follows a major White House report released Tuesday that warned of the serious environmental damage human activities are already causing across the United States.

"Climate change is real and we have to act now," Obama said Friday.

"It's happening now and causing hardship now. It's affecting every sector of our economy and our society, more severe floods and violent wildfires. It's already costing states and cities money."

"Inside Washington we still have climate deniers who shout loud but they are wasting everybody's time. Climate change is a fact."

Dutch Eurovision entry 24th in line-up, now among favourites to win



Waylon and Ilse DeLange make up The Common Linnets

THE NETHERLANDS -- The Dutch entry for this year's Eurovision Song Contest, a country number entitled Calm after the Storm, will be the third last to be performed in Saturday's final.

The song, performed by The Common Linnets, is now being tipped as a potential winner by the bookies, after first being derided in the Dutch media. In total 26 countries are represented in the final.

First given as a 250-to-1 potential winner before the semi-finals, Calm before the Storm now generates odds of 11-to-4, and is considered a close second to the bookies' favourite Sweden.

British newspaper Metro described the Dutch entry as 'perhaps the most simple ever seen at the Eurovision Song Contest'. 'It has just three chords and the first half of the song is shown in a single camera take,' the paper points out.

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WORLD NEWS

Mandela widow calls on Nigerian government to find girls

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) - Nelson Mandela's widow Graca Machel has broken the customary mourning period to call on the Nigerian government and international community to do more to find the 200-plus schoolgirls kidnapped by Boko Haram.

"The Nigerian government has a responsibility to protect its citizens, and keep them safe," she said, amid allegations that the authorities ignored a warning of the April 14 attack by the Islamist group.

"If the world can mobilise all the means possible to search for a plane carrying 239 passengers, certainly it can also mobilise the means to find our girls. They deserve nothing less."

Machel, a noted activist in her own right, said she felt compelled to break the traditional Xhosa mourning period, which for her was reduced from one year to six months.

Mandela died in December at his home in Johannesburg, aged 95.

"I decided to break the restrictions of my mourning because silence is not an option. I know however, that Madiba will understand and approve," she said.

In an open letter, Machel said the girls' "plight has touched millions of hearts in Africa and beyond."

Addressing the parents of the girls, she said "I am a parent and so I stand amongst you holding your hands, in pain and anguish; in solidarity."

Machel barely left her husband's bedside in the final six months of his life.

Since his death, the Mozambican human rights campaigner has rarely been seen in public.

Machel was Mandela's third wife, and he was her second presidential husband.

She was the widow of Mozambican president Samora Machel who died in a plane crash in 1986.

She was 27 years younger than Mandela when they married on his 80th birthday in 1998.

Last Syria rebels quit Homs Old City, residents return to ruins

HOMS (AFP) - The last Syrian rebels left Homs' Old City yesterday under an evacuation deal that hands the government a symbolic victory, as civilians began trickling back in to find neighbourhoods in rubble.

The pullout leaves the rebels confined to a single district on the outskirts of the central city, once "the capital of the revolution" against President Bashar al-Assad.

As troops moved in to clear out explosives, hundreds of civilians began returning to see what remained of their homes in Hamidiyah, a Christian district in the Old Town, which has been under nearly daily bombardment during a two-year siege.

Many were shocked, with tears in their eyes, as they climbed over debris to inspect the ruins, said an AFP journalist at the scene. Some 2,200 people were killed as near daily bombardment reduced the area to ruins, and people were reduced to surviving on little more than herbs.

UN sends envoy to Nigeria over kidnapped schoolgirls

UNITED NATIONS (AFP) - United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon is sending an envoy to Nigeria to offer assistance following the abduction of more than 200 schoolgirls, the UN said Friday.

A brief statement said Ban had decided to dispatch Special Representative for West Africa, Said Djinnit, to Abuja to discuss ways of helping Nigerian authorities locate the kidnapped girls.

"In his meetings with senior government officials, (Djinnit) will offer the help of the United Nations and discuss how we can best support the authorities' efforts to safely return the kidnapped girls to their families," UN spokesman Farhan Haq said.

The mass abduction of girls by Boko Haram Islamists in northeastern Borno state has triggered an international outcry. US, British and French experts have already arrived on the ground to help trace the schoolgirls, while around 10 army search teams are scouring the region.

'Qaeda' in deadly attack on Yemen presidential

SANAA (AFP) - Suspected Al-Qaeda militants attacked Yemen's presidential palace yesterday, killing five guards and triggering a fierce gunfight as the jihadists hit back at an army offensive aimed at crushing them.

President Abdurrahman Mansur Hadi was not at the palace in the capital when gunmen attacked a checkpoint manned by guards outside the compound, a security source told AFP.

Hadi, whose government has stepped up a war on the Arabian Peninsula country's Al-Qaeda offshoot, does not live in the palace and only uses it for meetings during the day.

In addition to the dead, other guards were captured in the unprecedented attack on the checkpoint located just 700 metres (yards) from the palace building, the source added.

An exchange of fire ensued and went on for more than 20 minutes, according to other security sources and witnesses, amid reports that at least three of the assailants were killed.

Separately, Defence Minister Mohamed Nasser Ahmad and two senior security officers escaped unharmed when Al-Qaeda gunmen ambushed their convoy as they returned from a tour of south Yemen, where the army is battling the jihadists.

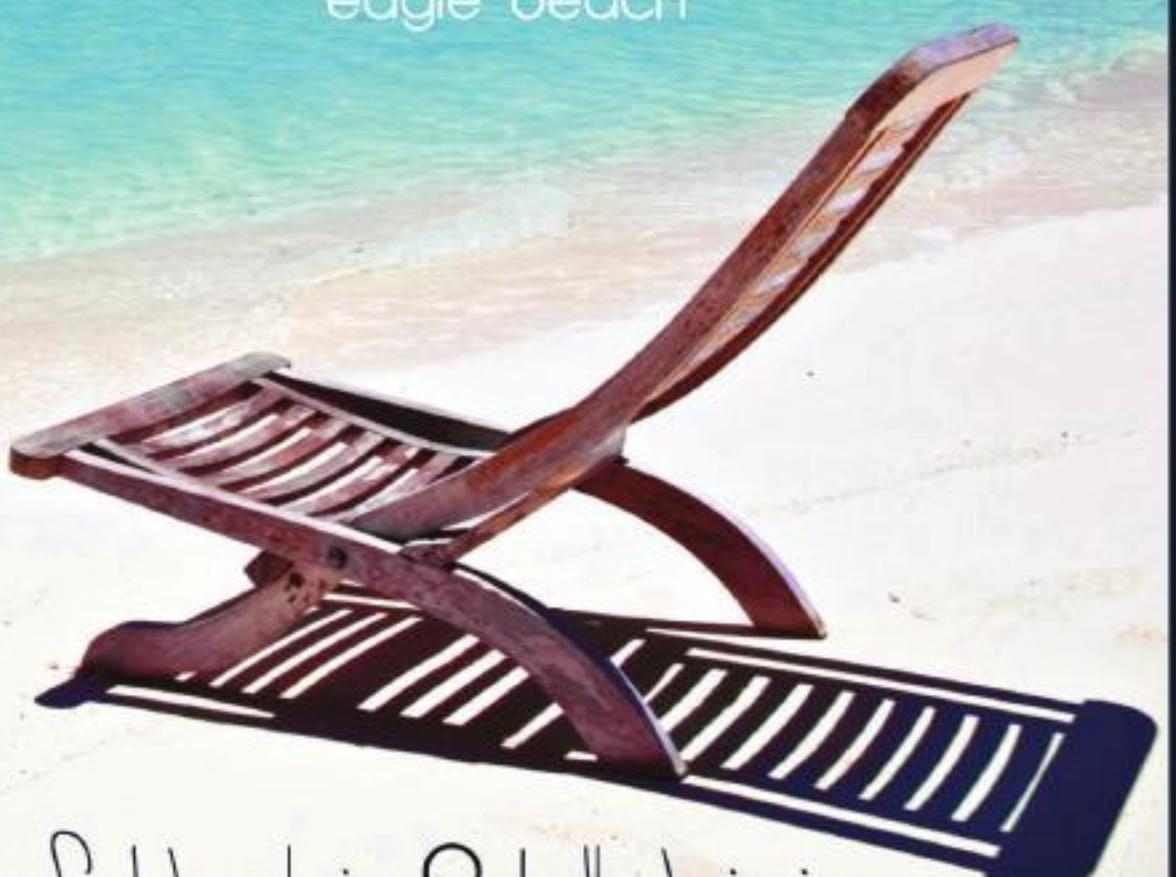
The ambush came hours after Ahmad vowed to crush Al-Qaeda fighters in Yemen, saying their end would come soon.

Sanaa has been on alert for days and tensions rose after the army said troops had entered Azzan, a jihadist bastion in southern Shabwa province, prompting the United States to close its Sanaa embassy on Thursday.

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HEALTH & LIVING

Vital Somalia aid in jeopardy as catastrophe looms: UN

GENEVA (AFP) - Cash-strapped United Nations agencies could soon be forced to halt vital aid in Somalia despite warning signs the war-torn country could be sliding back into a food crisis, a top UN official said Friday.

"Essential life-saving projects are facing closure," warned Philippe

Lazzarini, UN humanitarian coordinator in the country, pointing out that contributions to the Somalia appeal have dwindled.

A programme run by the UN children's agency UNICEF that provides some three million people with primary healthcare could end as early as next week, while the vital food aid

for millions could begin drying up in July, he told reporters in Geneva.

A UN appeal for \$933 million in humanitarian aid for Somalia is so far only 15 percent funded.

At the same time last year, UN agencies had received twice the \$143 million pulled in so far this year, said Lazzarini.

The lack of funding was especially dramatic due to signs the country might be heading towards another devastating famine, he said.

Somalia was the hardest hit by extreme drought in 2011 that affected over 13 million people across the Horn of Africa, with famine zones declared in large parts of the war-ravaged south.

Some 250,000 people, around half of them young children, died in Somalia during that famine, according to the UN, which has acknowledged it should have done more to prevent the tragedy.

- 50,000 children at death's door - While there have been improvements, the country has far from recovered, with over 50,000 severely malnourished children "on the doorstep of death," Lazzarini said.

Another two million Somalis are "teetering on the edge of food insecurity," he said, stressing they "could at any time fall into an emergency."

The last famine was not declared until half of all of those who died during the catastrophe were already dead, he said.

Among the warning signs is the fact that seasonal rains crucial for farming and usually lasting from April to June have yet to start in key southern areas of Somalia.

"This could severely impact the upcoming harvest," Lazzarini warned, pointing out that military offensives to weed out Al-Qaeda linked Shebab insurgents was also disrupting trade and farming.

In a worst-case scenario, these factors could combine to create a repeat of the 2011 famine, "which morally and collectively is something we cannot let be repeated," he said.

Lazzarini said that UNICEF needed only \$8 million to keep its primary health care programme running, and voiced optimism that donors would deliver.

The World Food Programme, which in March distributed food to 521,507 people in the country, meanwhile needs \$12 million through the end of the year to keep its food pipeline.

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The lucky winners are: Mrs. Christine Hailen AWG. 5000, Ms. Melissa Breno AWG. 2000, Mrs. Ursula Kelly AWG.1000, Mrs. Charlotte Quandet AWG 1000, Mr. Martin Warner AWG 500 and Ms. Juana Nieves AWG 500.

Glitz Casino announced that the next Cash Vibe Campaign will begin June 1, with cash prizes totaling another AWG 10,000. Patrons will receive a raffle ticket for each 25 point accumulated on their Royal Membership card, with the purchase of a Bingo card on Mondays and Fridays and with each same suit when playing Black Jack, as well as when placing a \$25 bet at their Race & Bet book.

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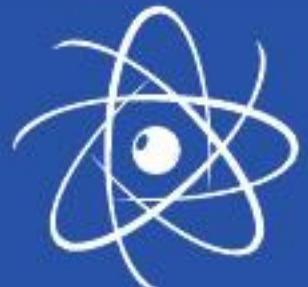


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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Immunotherapy may work in many cancers: study



WASHINGTON (AFP) - An experimental therapy that helps retrain a patient's own immune system to attack tumors may work in a wide range of common cancers, according to a preliminary US study Friday.

Until now, the greatest successes for a technique known as adoptive cell therapy (ACT) have been seen in melanoma, but researchers are curious to find out if the approach could work in cancers of the digestive tract, lung, pancreas, breast or bladder.

The journal Science published an article describing how the technique was able to shrink tumors in a 43-year-old woman with advanced cholangiocarcinoma, a form of digestive tract cancer that had spread to her lungs and liver.

The advance could mark a step forward in the fight against epithelial cancer, a group which makes up 80 percent of all cancers and 90 percent of cancer deaths in the United States.

The process works by collecting the patient's own immune cells, a kind called tumor-infiltrating lymphocytes (TILs), selecting those with

the best anti-tumor activity and growing them in the lab for re-infusion into the patient.

After the patient received her first injection of these TILs, her metastatic lung and liver tumors stabilized.

About 13 months later, her disease began progressing again, so doctors re-treated her, and she "experienced tumor regression that was ongoing as of the last follow up (six months after the second T-cell infusion)," the study said.

While lead researcher Steven Rosenberg, chief of the Surgery Branch in National Cancer Institute's Center for Cancer Research, cautioned that the research is at an early stage, he said it could offer a "blueprint" for other cancers.

"The strategies reported here could be used to generate a T-cell adoptive cell therapy for patients with common cancers," said Rosenberg.

Researchers hope that one day, a range of personalized immune therapies will replace chemotherapy as the main approach to attacking cancer.

Beats buy could broaden Apple's reach

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - An Apple buy-out of hip headphone maker Beats Electronics could expand the iPhone maker's lucrative domain and play into plans for its next big thing, analysts said Friday.

Apple's reported multi-billion-dollar acquisition of Beats, seemingly confirmed by Beats founder Dr. Dre in a video clip posted to YouTube, could make Apple's coveted gadgets more enticing and broaden its "eco-system" for selling music and other digital content.

Apple and Beats both declined to comment on the reports of a \$3.2 billion take-over deal but rapper and business mogul Dre boasted in the clip of becoming "the first billionaire from hip-hop."

Apple likely sees mobile audio as a growing opportunity and wants to not only Beats' music streaming service also to cash-in on delivering premium listening experiences from earphones or wireless speakers to in-car sound systems, according to analysts.

The premium headphone market in the United States grew 20 percent last year while sales of wireless speakers more than doubled, according to industry tracker NPD.

Beats was reported to have claimed 60 percent of the billion-dollars spent on top-end earphones in the US last year.

"The association with Beats allows Apple to extend their ecosystem," NPD analyst Ben Arnold told AFP.

Bringing Beats into the Apple fold would provide opportunities to weave iTunes Radio service into more devices, and even spread the App Store for mini-programs to other products, according to Arnold.

"I could see a connection with Apple TV," Arnold said of Beats technology.

"You pair the Apple TV with a wireless speaker or sound bar and that further builds their presence in the living room."

Rumors have swirled for years that an innovatively overhauled Apple TV was being created at the Cupertino, California-based maker of iPhones, iPads, iPods, and Macintosh computers.

Much speculation of late has focused on Apple getting into the wearable computing market, perhaps with an Internet-linked watch.

To that end, headphones are arguably among the first wearable technology gadgets.

Still, some analysts considered the idea of Apple paying billions of dollars for Beats a "head-scratcher."

Apple could license audio technology, or even turn to its own engineers to create their own for far less money, analysts contended.

If the target was Beats streaming music service, said to have a relatively small number of users, a broader audience could be gotten with a buy of Spotify or Rhapsody.

A possible explanation is that Apple wants to buy its way into fashion with young Beats fans, given that Apple devotees tend to be older adults, according to independent Silicon Valley analyst Rob Enderle.

Such a take-over could also be a sign that Apple is pushing back release of its keenly-anticipated next big thing to "make it perfect" and buying Beats is a shot at giving the company new rhythm, the analyst said.

Apple shares were down slightly more than one percent to \$581.91 on the rumor, evidently because "people are having a hard time wrapping their heads around" why the company would write a big check for Beats, according to Enderle.

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Geithner revisits US financial crisis in new book

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Former US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner says he regrets not pushing for stronger financial safeguards ahead of the devastating 2008 crisis, according to reported excerpts of his new book.

"Before the crisis, I didn't push for the Fed in Washington to strengthen the safeguards for banks, nor did I push for legislation in Congress to extend the safeguards to nonbanks," he writes in "Stress Test: Reflections on Financial Crises."

Excerpts published online in the New York Times Magazine reveal his behind-the-scenes view of the Wall Street meltdown that rocked the global economy. The book will be published Sunday.

Geithner, 52, said that he disagreed with Larry Summers, President Barack Obama's chief economic adviser, and other members of the administration who were pushing Obama for the nationalization of some embattled banks like Citigroup.

"If you want to go in, you better be sure there are WMD's (weapons of mass destruction)," Lee Sachs, an assistant secretary of the Treasury, said during a meeting with Obama, Geithner recounted.

He also confided that he and Summers initially had opposed the Volcker Rule, which prohibits commercial banks from proprietary trading, writing that his support was "certainly political."

Geithner left his post as head of the Federal Reserve of New York to serve as Treasury secretary under Obama's first term (2009-2013).

He recalled that he was reluctant to take the job. On his third day in office he refused to make a brief statement in tandem with Obama criticizing Wall Street bonus pay, leaving Obama to do it.

"I did not view Wall Street as a cabal of idiots or crooks," he wrote. "My jobs mostly exposed me to talented senior bankers, and selection bias probably gave me an impression that the US financial sector was more capable and ethical than it really was."

"I feared that the tougher we talked about the bonuses, the more we would own them," he wrote, "fueling unrealistic expectations about our ability to eradicate extravagance in the financial industry." Geithner noted he is most frequently seen as a banker even though his entire career has been in public service.

During his four years as Treasury secretary, Geithner oversaw the controversial \$700 billion taxpayer-funded Troubled Asset Relief Program to bail out Wall Street's biggest banks launched by the previous George W. Bush administration.

His tumultuous tenure included the fierce political battle in Washington over the government budget and the public debt crisis, which led to the loss of the United States's prestigious AAA credit rating from Standard & Poor's.

Since leaving office in January 2013, Geithner has become president of private-equity firm Warburg Pincus and spent the past year writing his book.

European stocks, euro retreat

LONDON (AFP) - European stock markets and the euro slid Friday on profit-taking as investors took their leads from company updates and economic data, while the crisis in Ukraine continued to cloud sentiment.

London's FTSE 100 lost 0.36 percent to close at 6,814.57 points, while Germany's DAX 30 slid 0.27 percent to 9,581.45 points and the CAC 40 in Paris dropped 0.66 percent to 4,477.28 points. Madrid gave up 0.98 percent and Milan tumbled 1.6 percent.

"With Chinese inflation at an eighteen month low and with another risky weekend of Ukrainian referendums ahead, European markets have been trading with a cautious tone," said analyst Jasper Lawler at CMC Markets UK.

European equities had risen on Thursday after European Central Bank president Mario Draghi hinted that policymakers were prepared to cut eurozone interest rates in June.

The same day, the euro hit a two-and-a-half-year peak near \$1.40 after the ECB held interest rates at a record low for the seventh straight month, but then dived on hints of more easing.

ECB chief Draghi gave a strong suggestion that the bank could ease monetary conditions in the euro area next month, saying the "governing council is comfortable with acting next time".

In foreign exchange Friday, the euro dropped to \$1.3765 from \$1.3840 late in New York on Thursday.

The European single currency drifted down to 81.72 pence from

81.73 pence on Thursday, while the British pound dropped to \$1.6843 from \$1.6931.

The price of gold climbed to \$1,291.25 an ounce on the London Bullion Market from \$1,287 on Thursday.

Publicity giants Omnicom and Publicis called off a \$35 billion merger that would have fashioned the world's largest advertising house amid disagreements over integrating the companies and filling key executive positions.

Investors seemed to shrug off the news. In New York, Omnicom shares were up 0.5 percent to \$66.51 in afternoon trading while in Paris Publicis shares closed the day down 0.8 percent to 60.20 euros.

In London, International Airlines Group fell 4.8 percent to 385 pence despite the group revealing that it had significantly reduced its losses in the first quarter thanks to cost cutting at Spanish carrier Iberia and improved performance by British Airways.

Asian stock markets closed mixed on Friday after weak Chinese inflation data raised concerns about the risk of falling prices in the world's second-largest economy but also opened the door to possible stimulus measures from Beijing, traders said.

But India's stock market surged to a new high on hopes that election results next week will usher in a stable government capable of pushing reforms and reviving the flagging economy. The Bombay Stock Exchange's benchmark index rose 3.15 percent to hit 23,048.49 points, before trimming some of the gains to close at 22,994.23 points.



INDIA, Jangaon Mandal : Indian farmers shift wet bags of unpolished rice to be dried after unseasonal overnight rains soaked the area at the Agriculture Market Yard at Jangaon Mandal of Warangal District, about 85 kms from Hyderabad, on May 9, 2014. Some 2.1 million tonnes of rice were soaked in the unexpected rainfall causing severe problems for farmers selling their grain. (AFP PHOTO)



FRANCE, SAINT-NAZAIRE : Employees look at a part of the Oasis 3, a new cruise ship of the Royal Caribbean Cruise Line, under construction at the STX France shipyards of Saint-Nazaire, western France yesterday. The Oasis 3 will be the world largest cruise ship when it will be launched in 2016. (AFP PHOTO)

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Ecclestone accused of '\$10 million' bribe

MUNICH (AFP) - Convicted German banker Gerhard Gribkowsky, a key witness in the corruption trial of Bernie Ecclestone, told a court on Friday that the Formula One boss offered him a \$10 million bribe in 2004.

Questioned for several hours at the Munich hearing, Gribkowsky said the motor racing magnate had offered him the multi-million dollar bribe in order to resolve a legal dispute linked to the sale of Formula One rights.

Gribkowsky was risk manager at BayernLB bank at the time, which was the biggest shareholder of Formula One but Bernie Ecclestone had a veto with a "golden share".

The German bank had decided to challenge that veto in court.

According to Gribkowsky's testimony, Ecclestone, in 2004, proposed during a telephone conversation to give Gribkowsky the money "to abandon the legal process".

Gribkowsky, on his first day of evidence, told the

court that he informed his bosses and police about the offer, despite there never being an investigation into this latest allegation of bribery.

He also claimed that he was offered a second bribe of \$80 million in Singapore, which appeared to take the court by surprise.

"And you are telling us this now, like this?" said Judge Peter Noll, who adjourned the hearing until next Tuesday.



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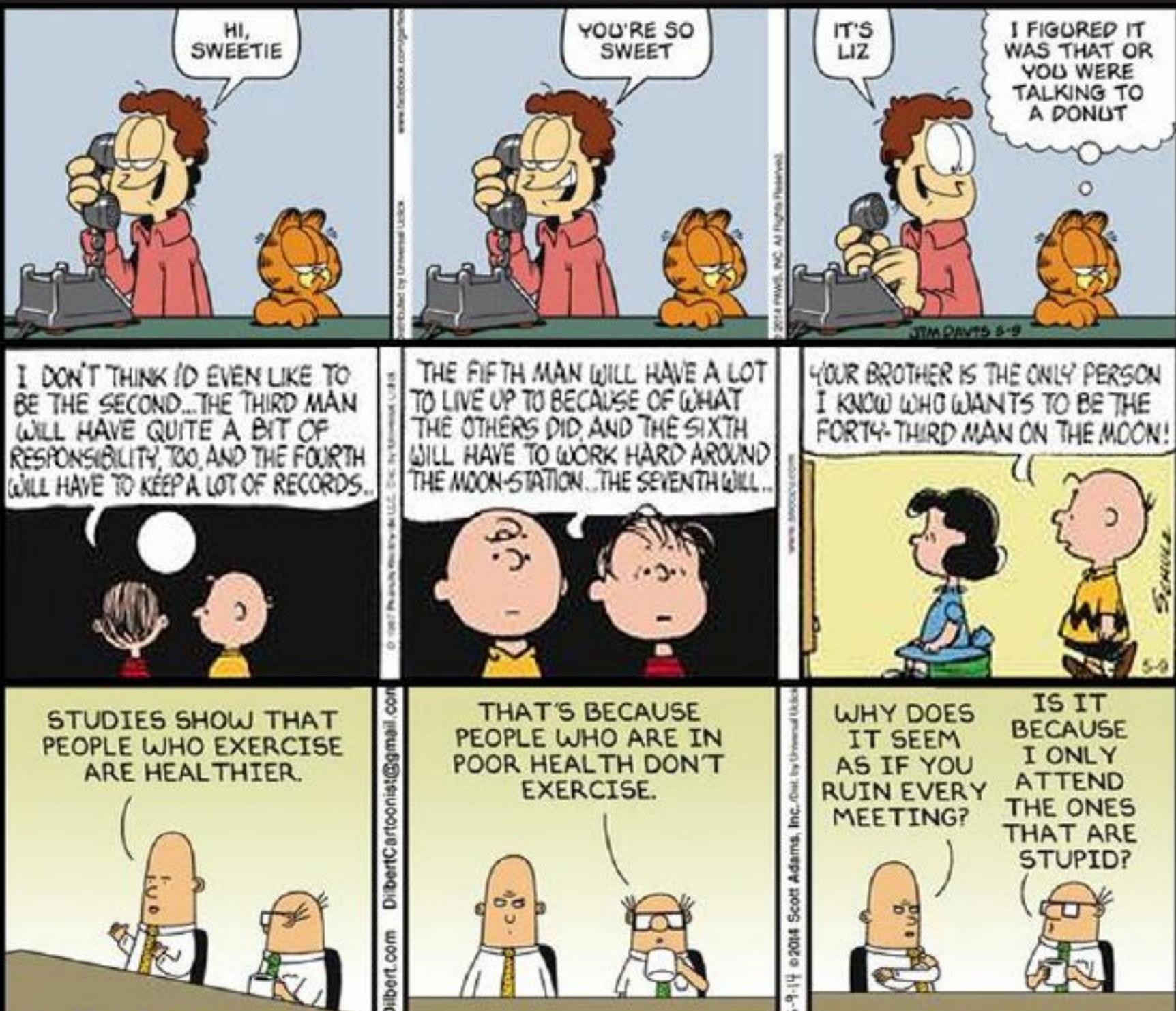
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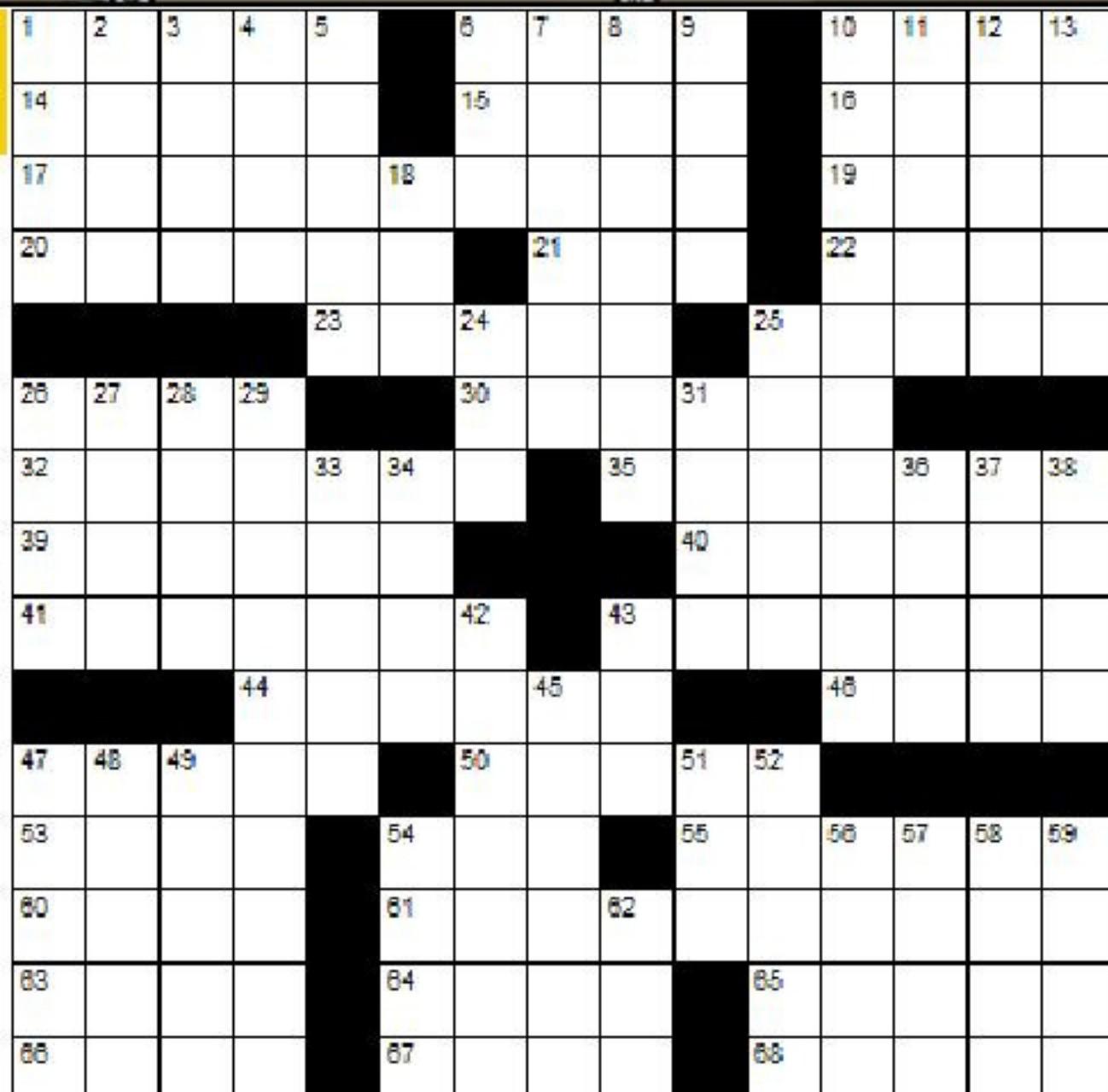
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SPORTS

Kiwanis Club Annual Kite Flying for the Less Privileged Kids of Sonrisa

The Kiwanis Club of Aruba organized on May 1, 2014, their annual Kite Flying event for the less privileged kids of Sonrisa; the kids from Imelda Hof and the kids from "Trai Merdia" YMCA Dakota and San Nicolas at the field of Calabas. Through a radio program we also invited those kids in our community who would like to also be a part of this event but did not have a kite of their own to call and register and they would also receive a kite that they could compete with.

This event was a huge success and the Kids enjoyed themselves tremendously. They started the morning with a Kite building workshop after which they had a competition amongst themselves on the field with the kites that were donated to them by the Kiwanis Club of Aruba. In the afternoon the event continue with Kite competition among all the other children of Aruba.

This was a fun filled event and the Kiwanis Club of Aruba would like to thank those organizations who donated the field, pastechi, hamburgers, hotdogs, tables/chairs, prizes and much



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Be sure to try Luisa's acclaimed "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"—"Grandma's Beef Stew," or their fresh, whole snapper, with Mama Luisa's delectable salsa criollo.

Don't miss the specialty of the house, a favorite local delicacy, Keshi Yena—"Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It is satisfying and particularly memorable. Regional side dishes and some of Mama's secret recipe preparation of banana hasa and creamy potatoes provide a deliciously picturesque meal.

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SPORTS

Cycling: Birthday boy Tuft shines in Giro's opening stage

While Tuft was on a high, there was a disaster for home favourite Dan Martin.

The Irishman, a stage winner in last year's Tour de France, crashed heavily when his wheel appeared to slide on a wet manhole cover, bringing down four of his Garmin-Sharp team-mates.

It was Martin's second cruel disappointment in a month, after a crash on the final corner of Liege-Bastogne-Liege in late April ended his chances of defending the title.

His fall in Belfast saw him taken to hospital with a suspected broken collar-bone, ending his Giro just fifteen minutes after it started.

Orica's win continued their good record in this discipline after their close victory in the team time trial at last year's Tour de France.

Their win in Belfast was a lot more comfortable and convincing. But the Australian squad was blessed with some good fortune.

They were the second team to start from the Belfast Waterfront as a strong wind swirled and dark clouds threatened rain.

The rain began to fall halfway through their ride and became heavier as the 20 remaining teams headed out on a course that looped out of the city to Stormont Castle before returning to the waterfront.

The poor weather, which didn't deter crowds described by Tuft as "truly impressive, the entire course was lined four or five deep," meant that some of the favourites' teams were cautious and lost time, including those of two of the pre-race favourites, Nairo Quintana of Colombia and Joaquim Rodriguez of Spain, whose Movistar and Katusha teams lost 55 seconds and one minute 33 seconds respectively.

Tuft acknowledged the difficult conditions: "The wind was never coming from one area, it was always blustery so it made for quite a difficult time as a nine-man group on narrow corners.

"It makes for quite a dangerous course. You can never overlap wheels. As we saw with Garmin, you have one mistake and you really pay."

The rain eased for the final few teams, including BMC, with Australia's 2011 Tour de France winner Cadel Evans.

They rode strongly to finish third just seven seconds slower than Orica.

Belgium's Omega Pharma-QuickStep team was second, five seconds down, and there was better news for the other great Irish hope, Nicolas Roche, whose Tinkoff-Saxo team was fourth, 23 seconds behind the winners.

Rallying: Rally of Argentina standings

CÓRDOBA (AFP) - Rally of Argentina standings on Friday:

1. Jari-Matti Latvala (FIN/Volkswagen Polo-R) 1:57:36.3,
2. Sébastien Ogier (FRA/Volkswagen Polo-R) 1:57:54.0,
3. Kris Meeke (GBR/Citroën DS3) 1:58:43.7,
4. Elfyn Evans (GBR/Ford Fiesta RS) 2:01:24.4,
5. Robert Kubica (POL/Ford Fiesta RS) 2:01:24.6,
6. Martin Prokop (CZE/Ford Fiesta RS) 2:01:48.5,
7. Nasser Al-Attiyah (QAT/Ford Fiesta RRC 2000) 2:03:13.1,
8. Yuriy Protasov (UKR/Ford Fiesta R5) 2:05:58.3,
9. Diego Dominguez (PAR/Ford Fiesta R5) 2:08:12.8

Stage winners: Sébastien Ogier 3 (SS1, SS2, SS4), Latvala 2 (SS3, SS5)

Sterling as owner before the end of the month, but Sterling could launch a court battle rather than sell or lose a team worth more than \$600 million.

Parsons, now a senior advisor at Providence Equity Partners, was on US President Barack Obama's economic advisory team and also sits on the board of directors for the Commission on Presidential Debates.

"Dick's credentials as a proven chief executive speak for themselves and I am extremely grateful he accepted this responsibility," Silver said.

Parsons, who once played basketball for the University of Hawaii, said he has been a life-long NBA fan who was upset at Sterling's words.

"Like most Americans, I have been deeply troubled by the pain the Clippers' team, fans and partners have endured," Parsons said.

"As a life-long fan of the NBA, I am firmly committed to the values and principles it is defending and I completely support Adam's leadership in navigating the challenges facing the team and the league."

The Clippers shook off the distraction of the racism controversy to defeat Golden State in the first round of the NBA playoffs.

Now coach Glenn "Doc" Rivers' squad is playing against Oklahoma City in the second round for a berth in the Western Conference final.

"The Clippers are a resilient organization with a brilliant coach and equally talented and dedicated athletes and staff who have demonstrated great strength of character during a time of adversity," Parsons said.

NBA: Ex-Time Warner boss Parsons takes over Clippers

NEW YORK (AFP) - Richard Parsons, the former chairman of media giant Time Warner and Citigroup, was named Friday as the interim chief executive of the Los Angeles Clippers following a racism firestorm.

The move by the NBA came in the wake of the life ban imposed upon Clippers owner Donald Sterling for racist remarks revealed two weeks ago by celebrity watchdog website TMZ.

"I believe the hiring of Dick Parsons will bring extraordinary leadership and immediate stability to the Clippers organization," NBA commissioner Adam Silver said.

Sterling, who told his girlfriend he did not want her to bring black people to Clippers games or post photos of herself with black people on social media, was banned for life by Silver, who has started the process of having other club owners

remove Sterling as owner of the Clippers.

Clippers president Andy Roeser, who has been with the NBA club since 1984, had been guiding day-to-day activities of the club since the scandal erupted.

But Roeser upset some with a press release supporting Sterling in the first hours after the controversy began. On Tuesday, Roeser took an indefinite leave of absence, setting the stage for the league-appointed caretaker to handle operations for the team indefinitely.

In a recording released Friday by RadarOnline that is purportedly of Sterling, the 80-year-old real estate tycoon says he only made the racial comments to his 31-year-old assistant, V. Stiviano, because he was trying to seduce her into having sex with him.

NBA owners are expected to push to remove

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Football: Mexico squad for World Cup

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Mexico's 23-man squad for the World Cup named by coach Miguel Herrera on Friday:

Goalkeepers: Jesus Corona (Cruz Azul), Alfredo Talavera (Toluca), Guillermo Ochoa (AC Ajaccio/FRA)

Defenders: Paul Aguilar, Miguel Layun (both Club America), Hector Moreno (Espanyol/ESP), Diego Reyes (FC Porto/POR), Francisco Rodriguez (Club America), Rafael Marquez (Leon), Carlos Salcido (Tigres)

Midfielders: Hector Herrera (FC Porto/POR), Jose Juan Vazquez (Leon), Juan Carlos Medina (Club America), Carlos Pena (Leon), Isaac Brizuela (Toluca), Luis Montes (Leon), Marco Fabian (Cruz Azul), Andres Guardado (Bayer Leverkusen/GER)

Forwards: Oribe Peralta (Santos Laguna), Javier Hernandez (Manchester United/ENG), Raul Jimenez (Club America), Alan Pulido (Tigres), Giovani dos Santos (Villarreal/ESP)

TEAM ARUBA EXCITED FOR GEORGIA DRAGS



VALDOSTA, GA - This weekend the Professional Drag Racers Association contests their second event, the Inaugural Georgia Drags. The PDRA's kick-off event was a wild success, and racers, fans and sponsors are looking forward to another weekend of incredible racing. Team Aruba is especially excited about joining the PDRA since Aruba is the Official Travel Destination of the organization. Team Aruba will be on hand, letting South Georgia fans know about one of the world's premier vacation destinations and also fielding their Aruba.com Mustang in Extreme Pro Stock.

The team found great success in XPS in 2013 and driver Trevor Eman is hoping they can build on that this weekend: "We are very excited to be at the PDRA race in Valdosta. Our guys have worked hard for us to make it here, and everybody is ready to work even harder for a successful weekend. It's been a while since we've raced at South Georgia Motorsports Park so it will

be nice to reconnect with our fans in that area. We are looking forward to seeing packed stands and some good doorslammer racing this weekend.

"Last year at the ADRL race here we were number one qualifier," Eman continued, "but the race was rained out and we never got to defend that number one spot. So this weekend we're preparing to take care of unfinished business."

"Although I always enjoy being behind the wheel and turning on win lights, I'm especially looking forward to this race because of the partnership between Aruba and the PDRA as their Official Vacation Destination. Our main goal through this racing operation is to let people know about our 'One Happy Island'. The weather is great year-round. The beaches are incredible. And the people are the friendliest you'll find anywhere. We're proud to say that our home country is the PDRA's Official Vacation Destination."

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